

# Ward 5 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

## Minutes

*November 20, 2014*

Meeting commenced at 7:09 pm.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **School Board Update, Patrick Halladay**

The superintendent search is still in process, and the hope is to have the final candidates announced in January. Budget season is starting and the preliminary hearing of the school budget will take place this week. There were a number of difficult budget decisions. Now students have to pay \$0.60 to ride the bus.

In 2 months, petitions to run for the School Board are due. If anyone knows of someone interested, they should be encouraged to run. Another community member noted that Burlington has a lot more school board members than is the normal (e.g. Boston has 7). Last year, the School Board went to City Council to have a School Board of 8, however this was not voted into place. The School Board will go to 12 this spring.

#### **PlanBTV SouthEnd, Sandrine Thibault**

Plan BTV SouthEnd is a master plan for the South End. Planning & Zoning has been working on a series of studies to determine how the South End is currently made up and what direction to move in for the future. Goals include to improve safety for all modes of transportation, ensure sustainable economic development, affordability, and infrastructural capacity. More information can be found on the website: [planbtvsouthend.com](http://planbtvsouthend.com)

#### **Pine Street Deli**

Pine Street Deli was rezoned as Mixed Use in 2012. In order to make substantial improvements to building, they decided to rebuild to a 3-story mixed use green building. They will be able to catch all stormwater, meet the current energy code, and build a building that will last. They decided to put the deli in a corner where it will not have as intense of a use in the neighborhood, and to give the deli more space.

#### **Mayor Miro Weinberger**

Chapin Spencer gave a short update on the Champlain Parkway. The Parkway is a 2.5-mile transportation link connecting to downtown Burlington and it is reaching its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Parkway will support the SouthEnd through efficient transportation infrastructure. The project today is very different than what it used to be. The new plan

has three sections: C1, C2, C6. C1 is from Rt. & to Home Ave, and is the transition phase, it is 2 lane with no curb cuts. It will have a higher speed limit. From Home Ave to Lakeside Ave is C2. It is no longer part of the limited access highway, although it has no curb cuts (except for at intersections). There is a shared use path running the entire length. Speed will drop in this section. C6 is on existing road and the plan currently includes a shared use path on the Western side and a sidewalk on the Eastern side. There will be a cul-de-sac at the end of Pine Street.

Mayor Weinberger then followed up with a variety of other issues, including Burlington Telecom and pension reform. Residents shared their thoughts and concerns about prolonged bells and hymns being played at high volume by Christ the King Church. The Mayor agreed to follow up and reach back out to the affected residents.

### **Open Forum and Wrap-Up**

There is a Facebook page for Ward 5 NPA: <https://www.facebook.com/Ward5NPA>

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:25